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	Examiner Lorna M. Douyon	Art Unit 1751	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 76-107 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 82-107 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 76-81 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/799,976.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Election/Restrictions

- I. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 76-81, drawn to a process for the preparation of laundry detergent or cleaning product shaped bodies, classified in class 510, subclass 298.
 - II. Claims 82-95, drawn to a process for the preparation of laundry detergent or cleaning product shaped bodies having at least one cavity, classified in class 510, subclass 446.
 - III. Claims 96-100, drawn to a process for the preparation of laundry detergent or cleaning product shaped bodies including coating, classified in class 510, subclass 441.
 - IV. Claims 101-107, drawn to a combination of a laundry detergent or cleaning product shaped body and a packaging system, classified in class 510, subclass 439.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II, III and IV are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as extrusion and then packaging.

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3. Inventions I, II and III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions have different modes of operation.

4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. During a telephone conversation with Glenn E.J. Murphy on October 7, 2004 a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 76-81. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 82-107 have been withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Claim Objections

7. Claim 76 is objected to because of the following informalities: The second occurrence of each of “(a)” and “(b)” should be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claim 76 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Menke et al. (US Patent No. 5,759,974), hereinafter “Menke”.

Menke teaches a method for the manufacture of a block-form cleaner comprising the steps of forming separate mixtures of the components of the respective masses having at least one identical active substance; extruding the separate mixtures into strands; combining and shaping the strands; and cutting strands to directly form the block-form cleaner (see claim 16; Example 1 under col. 8). Menke teaches the limitations of the instant claim. Hence, Menke anticipates the claim.

10. Claims 76-81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Speed et al. (WO 99/27064), hereinafter “Speed”.

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Speed teaches a process for preparing a detergent tablet wherein a first gel portion formulation comprising active substances is metered into a mould of the desired shape and allowed to stand until the gel hardens or is no longer flowable, a second gel portion comprising citrate, silicate (both equivalent to concentrated salt solutions), enzymes and polyethylene glycol (equivalent to adhesion promoter) is then added to the mould and allowed to stand until the gel hardens or is no longer flowable and when both gel portions have hardened, the tablet is coated (see Example 3 on page 85, line 8 to page 88, line 6). Speed teaches the limitations of the instant claims. Hence, Speed anticipates the claims.

Conclusion

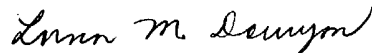
11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references are considered cumulative to or less material than those discussed above.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lorna M. Douyon whose telephone number is (571) 272-1313. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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